WHITE SOX HAVE FLAG **WON BEFORE CAMPAIGN EVEN GETS UNDER WAY**

HOW GRIFFMEN WILL WORK WAY NORTHWARD.

April 3, 4, 5-At Atlanta, Ga. April 6, 7-At Chattanooga, Tenn.

April 8-At Atlanta, Ga.

April 9-At Columbia, S. C., against Phillies.

April 10-At Greenville, S. C., against Phillies. April 11-At Richmond, Va., against Battle Ax club.

April 12-At Norfolk, Va., against Boston Braves.

April 18-At Washington, D. C., against Boston Braves.

April 14-At Columbus, Ohio, against A. A. club. April 15-Season opens, Yankees at Georgia avenue.

By LOUIS A. DOUGHER.

Two weeks from tomorrow the 1918 baseball campaign will get under way in the American League. Unless it falls to pieces, the machine that trampled upon all opponents last year, the Chicago White Sox, will win the pennant once more. Indeed, there are signs in the sky that indicate a runaway race in both leagues, with Chicago and New York meeting for the world's championship next October.

The possibilities of every club in the American League, with the single exception of the champion White Sox, being obliged to give up needed players to Uncle Sam, makes the outlook most uncertain. Urban Faber, though now set back in the draft, may be taken from Rowland's team, but it is likely to come so late as to be of comparatively small importance. The White Sox ought to have the flag cinched by August 1. With the exception of Jim Scott, the veteran pitcher, and Jenkins, a

third string catcher, Rowland will have every man in line next month that he had last spring. They will be a year older, which may slow up a few such as Gandil and Jackson, but their experience will also be that much longer. There isnt' a crack to be found in any of the machinery.

Smejkalavik Complains

Because Scorers Won't

Jack Smith, one of the best hatemen on the Cardinal team, is attll in California, and refuses to

accept a small-sized contract. It is said that the young player is

really vexed, not at the money offered, but because they won't let

his real name be printed on the

His real name is said to be something like Vavrasika Smejka-

No Improvement In Indiana,

crack under the strain.

Griffith's Chance Goes.

A woeful lack of reserve strength

is apparent to every fan as he reads

the names of the Washington play

Cass looks like a possible big league

outfielder, and can't be kept because

he is in class IA in the draft. Clark

As for the Mackmen, their pitching

wild man. No team can be consist-

FOR THREE RING BOUTS

BOSTON, Mase, March 21 .- Johnny

ers. To make matters worse, young

score cards.

Print His Right Name

Where some teams are weak, in reserve power, the White Sox are strong. They have high class substitutes for every position on the team. Where men are facing possible injury because of experience, such as Gandil with his week knee. Rowland has a capable player ready

to step in.
Cicotte. Faber, Danforth, Russell and Williams are all with the 1918 squad: They should do fully as well as they did last year. Ben's is in better health than eyer. Wolfgang's clever pitching in Disclease has boosted his stock, while Paul Musser is being grouned to replace some of the ailing veterans. It is impossible to pick a single position in the Chi-cago club which has been injured by the war. Under the same skillful management, the 1918 bunch should welk away with the American League pennant and then battle the National League leaders with quite the same success they had last fall.

Scramble for Second Place.

With Uncle Sam's grim visage them all, at least for a month or so looming up over the fence, it's a after the season is under way. which team will be the runner-up in the Johnsonian circuit this training season, some clubs have been Harris, a most promising young first hit hard. The Tankees and Griffmen baseman. Joe Evans, the rapid-fire the will start at 4 o'clock.

the Chicago White Sex alone stand to lose not a man.

The New York Tankees have been touted as possible contenders, but they are leaning on the good behavior of Ray Caldwell, the improvement in the infield with the accession of Del Fratt and the absence of that string of thiurfes that ruiged every hope Bill Denavan cyst had while leading the team. Nothing can be foretold along these lines, and yet they are vital to the success of the Yankees.

Stat. Even at best the Indians do not look better than in 1917. From some look better than in 1917. From some look better than in 1917. From some west.

Club members, trade organizations, and others may make reservations in the lineup at any moment. If he is lost, Lee Fohl's hopes of being a contender will vanish. Chapman is the best man in the infield, barn one, and is with the locations indicated.

RED SOX OWNER ENTERS Parkers with the great Tris Speaker out in

Yankees.

The Detroit Tigers are also acceler field.

The Description of the Mitchell George Cusningham and Denie Bush if Uncle Sam happens, to want them this similar. Take that trio from Jennings and hell become gray-headed over night. d over night.

May Have Dissensieh.

Another winter contender is the Boston

Red Sox, but the tip is out that dissensions are likely to cut into the suc cess of the former champlons, inter-fering with their work on the field. Ed Barrow is a driver. So is his first

Heutenant, Johnny Evers. Can they get kick in the face. team, have just graduated from that mooth, calm, diplomatic school con-ucted by Cennie Mack?

The strength of the Red Sox is in the box. Ruth, Mays, Bush, and Leonard form a marvelous quartet, but they must Griffith has the sympathy of every Washington rooter, but sympathy have runs to win. The team looks like a hitting aggregation on paper, but a hitting aggregation on paper, but there is nothing especially brilliant shout its fielding shility. Strunk and Hooper are outfield stars. Scott is a brilliant shortstope figt no other member of the team is remarkable for his fielding his position. McInnis is a truly great first baseman, but he is playing third this year, an experiment that may be dangerous. Bosiny fans look for a winner. This may bring about just those This may bring about just those dissens in predicted. Adverse criticism staff consists of Vean Gregg and El-will not go well with such pepper boxes mer Myers, an experiment with a as Barrow and Svers and the league's wildest

Browns Show Up Better,

The St. Louis Browns show up better Connie knows this, but hopes Shibe this spring than they have since Fielder Park fans will forget it. Jones took charge of them. The laughing stock of the league last year, the Brownies are being doped to make a stiff fight against all opponents this season and finish in the first four.

Like the Red Sox, the Browns have an excellent pluching state, with Gallia.

JOHNNY DUNDEE SIGNS

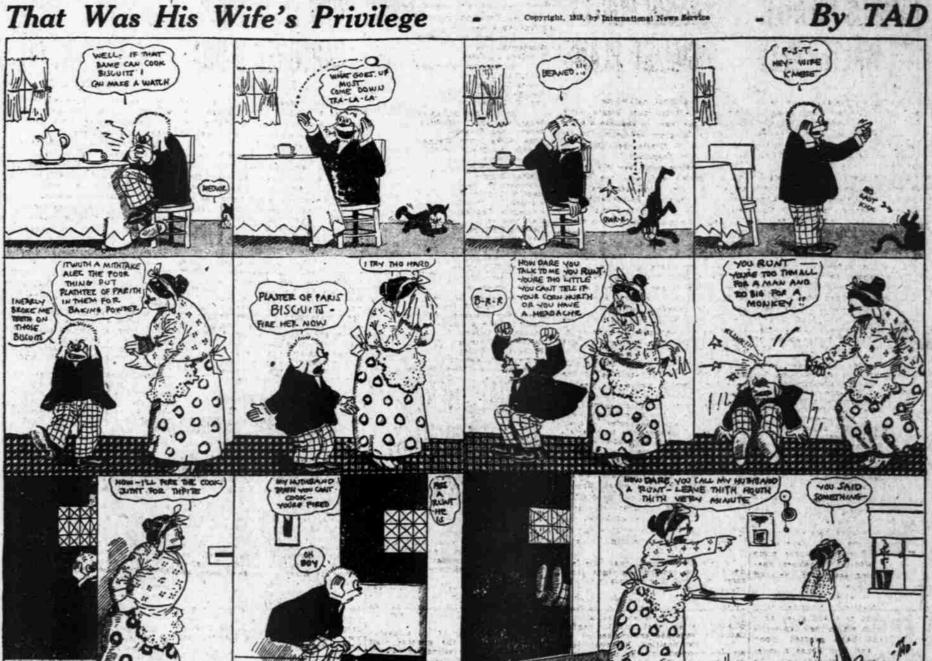
Davarport, Sothoron, Lowdermilk, and Cullop syailable as the first string. There are several other fair twirlers

Nevertheless, the Browns must be considered experimental. Sister's Dundes, who recently met Willie ing the best player in organized base. Jacken at New Haven in a fifteenball today, but his team mates fall far below him in class. It is possible that Jones will turn out a working combination, that will be a winner, but if he does it will be largely on On Tuesday night he will meet Jimcombination, that, will be a winner.
but if he does it will be largely on accounts of his excellent mound corps.
The rank and file of the Browns are scheduled to box George Chancy at cast-offs, with one or two men new Baltimore, and he will take on Lew to the big show. There is such a like-new fall and his players that he is the twelve-round route at the Armory having his troubles cutting down his ar Ct. of Boston, April 14.

*Dolina, 105; *Edith Bauman, 57.

Seventh race, 5105; claiming: four-year-cids and up. one mile. Jahot. 115; Bloker. 106; The mount. 101; Perpetunt. 101; Richard Langdon, 105; The mount. 101; Perpetunt. 101; The mount. 102; The mount. 102; The mount. 103; The mount. 104; The mount. 104; The mount. 105; The mount. 105; The mount. 105; The mount. 106; The mount. 106;

That Was His Wife's Privilege



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OPENING GAME IS BOOKED FOR LATE

With the daylight saving scheme No improvement is seen in the operation two weeks, the opening game of the American League campaign of season. Already, even during the Cleveland Indians. They have lost Joe 1918, booked for April 15, at Georgia ave-

hit hard. The Yankees and Griffmen baseman. Joe Evans, the rapid-fire have had much-needed players orthird baseman, will not be available dered into military service. They may lose more. Other clubs stand in until college ends. Whatever new park. On April 2 and thereafter the the rame position. So far as known, men are with the team, not one is a sale will be continued at the downtown the Chicago White Sox alone stand star. Even at best the Indians do not office at 613 Fourteen'h street north-

SUIT AGAINST WRITER

CHICAGO, March 31 .- The praecipe of a \$200,000 damage suit was filed be yesterday in the superior court by contenders for a few weeks, and then Harry H. Frazee against the Illinois Publishing and Printing Co. and Hugh S. Fullerton. The law firm of Clark Griffith was figuring on Chytraus, Healy & Frost is council shoving his team in ahead of some of the others who had been hit hard. An the Boston Red Sox. The exact natural factor are the charges could not be unkind fate steps in and hands him a learned from the attorneys.

QUIMET IS LISTED.

BOSTON, March 31 .- For the first ime in two years Francis Ouimet has een placed on the Massachusetts Golf here placed on the massachusetts tolt Acsociation amateur handicap list, it was made public today. Outmet is rated at plus two. Jesse Gullford, the

BOWIE ENTRIES

Bowle entries for temorrow: First race, \$180, maiden two-year-olds, four furlongs. Hahony, 114; The Boy, 114; Sid C. Keen, 114; Esquimaux, 114; Cain Shrine, 116; Old Bill Bender, 114; Cal Ber, 114.

116: Old Bill Bender, JH; Cal Ber. 114.

Second race, \$156, three-year-olds and upelx and due-half furiengs. C. M. Johnson, 115;
Pharosh, 119; The Busybody, 198; Freda
Johnson, 106; Spectre, 105; Lord Herbert, 57;
**Little Sweeper, \$7. March Court, 119; True
as Steel, 110; May W., 106; Dominion Park,
105; **Low Degree, imp., \$1; **Anniety, 194.
Also eligible, Dairoce, 37; **Progressive, 106;
River Pirate, 107; **Viley, 106; Jerry, Jr., 114.
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Third race, \$150: The Eclipse Purse; three-year-olds and up; five and one-half diriengs.
Starling, 118: Carbide, 136: Seabeach, 136: Dad, 134; Howard Weber, 104; Mary Maud, imp., 56: Tea Caddy, 113; Murphy, 136: Indian Chant, 136: Rollin Liard, 136: Joseph P. Murphy, 36; Cobalt Lass, 36.

Fourth race, 500; The Bowte Inaugural Handloap; three-year-olds and up; seven fur-longs. Hauberk, 127; Bondage, 144; Filter-gold, 19; "Water Lady, 16; "Charley Ley-decker, 9; Kentucky Boy, 94; St. Leidore, 13; Woodardck, 113; Woodward, 106; Judge Wing-field, 103; "Producer, imp., 96.

Fifth race, \$150; three-year-olds and up; one mile. Obolus. 117; Fair Mac. imp., 118; Eagle. 109; "Lasy Lou. 94; Airman. 114; "Pon-tio, 110; "Fit, 109; "Mand Bacon, 36. Fixth race, \$150; four-year-olds and up: one mile and seventy yards. Luther, 113; Arbitra-tor, 105; *Silk Bird, 102; Yoedsing, 110; *Say, 107; *Golden Bantam, 36; All Smiles, 110; *Dolina, 106; *Edith Bauman, 57.

This Trio Won't Play Ball This Season

Christy Mathewson is sure to miss

this chap, Bill Kopf, his crack short-

gruntled at the salary offered him

for military duty almost any day.

· Is Mr. Leslie

nd in addition, expects to be called

"Struckout" King

They talk about Walter Johnson being the strike-out king, but

how about the struck-out king?

The struck-out emperor of baseball last season was Leslie, a

Texas League first baseman, who

fanned no less than 116 times

during the campaign - about once in every four times he went

to bat. Yet, no far from Mr.

Leslie's being considered a joke,

the Cubs signed him for a tryout in the fastest company.

ROUGH LAD IN SHARKEY

KID WILLIAMS TACKLES



The Yankees are sure to miss this twirler, Bob Shawkey, for he was counted on to be a winner from the start. He has been placed in Class 1-A of the draft and hopes to enter

NORWAY STAR WINS NATIONAL HONORS AT INDOOR TENNIS

NEW YORK, March 31 .- Miss Molla Bjurstedt, of Norway, after a year's lay-off, is once more women's natennis champion. She van quished Miss Eleanor Goss. of Brook-lyn, 3-6, 6-1, 6-4. Miss Bjurstedt did not compete in 1917, and Miss

SAM CRANE FAILS TO **OUST LENA BLACKBURNE**

MONTGOMERY, Ala., March 31.— Sam Crane, obtained by the Redw from Clark Griffith's Washington club, is a beautiful fielder when going at top speed, but he is running sec-ond to Lena Blackburns for Bill Kopf's job in the short field for Matty's team.

Dave Shean is playing second, with

Lee Magee subbing for him. In case Blackburne and Shean fail to hold up their end with the willow, Matty is prepared to send in Crane and Ma-

CHANEY HAS HARD TASK.

BALTIMORE. March 31.—
George Chaney, the Baitimore slugger, has a hard task ahead of him tomorrow night when he steps into the ring at the Olympia with the ring at the Olympia with the clever Johnny Ray, of Pittsburgh. Both hoys carry the kick, with Ray leading in cleverness.

BALTIMORE. March 31.—Kid Williams, calling for votes on the nilms, former champion bantany title-holder, tackles one rough lad domor town right at the Peerless A. C. in Jack Sharkey, the little New York mauler. They are scheduled to go twelve rounds, but both boxers will try to end matters before that.

Sharkey has battled Kid Williams (COLUMBUS, Ohio, March) PHILADELPHIA, Pa., March 31-



Here's Adam Swigler, former Pennsylvania University's star hurler. He is a lieutenant in the Medi-cal Reserve Corps and will not be able to play with the New York

GEORGE DAUSS OR BILL JAMES WILL TWIRL IN OPENER

DALLAS, Tex., March 31.-When

FANS WORRYING NOT.

ST. LOUIS, March 31 .- Mound City ans are not worrying much about the time of starting ball games this comcalling for votes on the matter, only a few hundred ballots were cast in a week. It is not thought that any changes will be made by either the

HARLEY WILL FLY.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, March 31 -"Chic" JIM BAGBY SIGNS UP.

before on even terms, and has tackled to before on even terms, and has tackled to before on even terms, and has tackled to be the before on even terms, and has tackled to be the before on even terms, and has tackled to be the today for Dailas, Tex. to continue to be to be

JOE WOOD MAY BE EXTRA OUTFIELDER

NEW ORLEANS, March 31 .- Even if Joe Wood's pitching wing does refuse to behave, he will not be al-

ting outfielder.
In Sunday's Clash with the Pelicana In Sunday's Clash with the Pelicans Wood fairly sparkled in center field, succeeding Speaker in the outer patch after Spoke had batted for the second time. Smokly Joe bagged no fewar than six files, several on difficult chances, one so hard in fact that Pete Compton, the New Orleans right fielder, ramarked to Woody. "It's too bad Speaker wasn't in center when you causht that one size I

"It's too bad Speaker wasn't in center when you caught that one, else I would have had a triple." That gives as idea of Compton's sizeup of Wood as an outfielder.

Then to cap the climax Wood came through with a terrific wallop to the center field fence for a home run in the eleventh, after Chapman had doubled with two gone. It was Joe's only "blow" of the day, but it was a pippin, rivaling Speaker's home run smash into the right field corner in the first inning, with Graney and Chapman on.

If Woody could regain his old batting eye and hit the ball on a par with the days of 1912-13, he'd be one of the best bets for sub-outfielder Fohl could possibly line up, for there is no discounting his fielding. But then Lee's hoping and we're all hoping that Joe does a successful comeback as a pitcher and will not have to go to outfielding just yet. to go to outfielding just yet.

COBB AND CLARY NOW FIGHT FOR POSITION

WAXAHACHIE, Tex., March 31. The thoughts of sore arms and tired boiles are not keeping Joe Cobb and the Yanke come here in 1913 they will the Tigers open their big league cam-paign with the Indians at Cleveland. April 16, either Bill James or George Dauss will be on the slab for Jen-off the negation as third carefact. April 16, either Bill James or George
Dauss will be on the siab for Jennings' crew. This pair of flingers are
far and away in better condition than
any of the others. Manager Jennings
is preparing both of them for the
first contest of the year.
All doubt of Leo Dressen's ability
his mind within the fiext few weeks,
to play first base has gone. The for-All doubt of Leo Dressen's ability to play first base has gone. The former St. Paul star is a classy fielder, and his hitting here has been all to the mustard. George Burns will never be missed so long as Leo does his best.

Tomorrow the series with the Cincinnati Reds opens at Waxahachie, and on the following morning both teams will start on their trip home ward.

Archie Yelle will automatically step into Hack's shoes, as first assistant to Oscar Stanage, and the job of reserve catcher will be open to competition. Cobb and Clary are not wait-Col. Miller stated today. Western productions to the place at full speed, each determined that Jennings shall see his work in all its brilliancy.

GeorgeTown Plays.

Georgetown University will play a

brilliancy.
So far there has been little chance to judge the merits of the pair. Cobb has had a little experience in class D ball, while Clary has played in the fastest intercollegate circles and has had the benefit of good coaching terday, Jim Dudack allowing but one blive the about care. From what can be gleaned from their

BARBER BREAKS TOE.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 31 .- Turner Barber, the Cub outfielder, pur-chased from Baltimore, was sent to

BANNOCKBURN TO ENLARGE COURSE

extensive improvements which are expected to make the organization one of the most popular in Washington. A special meeting of the members has been called for April 4, at 8 o'clock, of the links to a full 18-hole course

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Proposed plans call for the enlargement of the club house and extension of the links to a full 18-holes course. The club house is to have a large ball room, dining room, etc., while nine new greens with underground drainage and most modern watering system to replace those of the present are contemplated.

With this end in view Donald Ross, the expert now at Pinehurst, N. C.

With this end in view Donald Ross, the expert now at Pinehurst, N. C., has been obtained to lay out the new course, furnishing blue prints and drawings for immediate use. Ross is expected to arrive in Washington early this week.

New applications to the number of twenty-five have been received by the membership committee in the past month, and they include many of Washington's representative business men, such as Tucker K. Sands, vice president of the Commercial National Bank; J. A. Muchleisen, representative of the Cadillac Motor Car Company for Baltimore, and prominent

of Washington.
Enthusiastic spirit prevails among the board of governors, and united the state of approval is expectafter which the big drive will be will soon see Bannockburn "its own" and take its place a

REDS REGRET PASSING

continued silence, so the boys believe

of ever getting his throwing arm into working shape again, and so, a grand, game fibyer to the last, he goes out of baseball forever.

Tom was with the Rads nine years —the last survivor of Clark Griffith's time. A New Tork smateur, he went to the Montreal club while but a sign-der kid and he record during his der kid, and his record, during his first minor league campaigm, was any-thing but impressive. Nevertheless, the scouts saw in him the promise of owed to slide off the roster of the a coming star, and so he went to the Indians. "Joe the Smoke," as Louis Cincinnati club. He was one of the Guisto used to call him, is some hit-few minor leaguers who, from the very start, played better ball in the

very start, played better ball in the big show than on the leaser circuits. Year after year, Tom Clarke improved—and yet a strange jinx hovered over him. Good as he wan, topnotcher though be surely was, he was always shadowed and kept in the background by the presence of some wondrous catcher, who ranked as "the first string star."

Larry McLean was the headlines when Tom joined the team, and stayed so for several seasons. When Mc-

that he is simply playing a waiting part—that when the sub-catchers of the Reds break flown, he will be ready to come in, and will exact a higher price for the lay-off he is tak-ing. We'll have to walt and see.

WILL BUILD NEW PLANT.

MACON, Ga., March 31 .- The State of Georgia and the city of Macon will, spend \$100,000 on new grand stands and fences for the baseball ground and race-track at Central City Park, and when new baseball stands.

FIGHT BIDS FLOCK IN. NEW YORK, March 31 .- Col. J. C.

Georgetown University will play a team from Fort Myer today on the Hilltop for the benefit of the sob, diers. Walter Reed Hospital corps

April 1st to 15th Inc.

SEVEN RACES EACH DAY

Admission, \$1.65 Ladies, \$1.10 (Including War Tax.)